

REMARKS

The instant application is identified as a divisional application because claims 10-13, 18, 19, and 20, drawn to guanylate binding protein-4, classified in class 530, subclass 350, were subject to a restriction requirement in the parent application, application Ser. No. 09/015, 089 (see Office Action dated July 27, 1999, paper #10).

Prior to a first Office Action in this application, Applicant requests that original claims 1-9, 14-17 and 21-27 be cancelled, claim 10 be amended and new claims 28-37 be added. These amendments and new claims do not involve any new matter or objectionable changes. When the Examiner takes this application up for action, he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

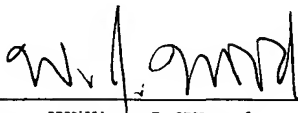
It is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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